

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An isolated polynucleotide expression vector comprising the nucleotide sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 1.

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2. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that:

(a) encodes the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2; and

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(b) hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or the complement thereof.

3. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.

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4. An isolated oligopeptide having a sequence of at least about 12 contiguous amino acids first disclosed in SEQ ID NO:2.

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